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THE WEATHER FORECAST.  
Cloudy and warmer to-day; to-morrow fair, cooler; northwest winds.  
Highest temperature yesterday, 71; lowest, 58.  
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## Greece to Stand by Serbs; Bulgars Disclaim Threat; Allies Advance in West

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Steamships Taken Over  
by Government.

SOFIA STANDS FOR  
ARMED NEUTRALITY

Franco-British Armies Win  
Ground Over Long  
Front.

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Bulgaria announces that her mobilization does not necessarily mean war.

The Rumanian Cabinet is believed to have reached a decision which has been endorsed by the Parliamentary leaders. The nature of the decision is not yet known.

Berlin announces that the long expected Anglo-French offensive has begun and that the advancing troops were driven back everywhere except in Champagne. Paris tells of successful offensive movements in Belgium, near Arras, and in Champagne.

The Russians have taken the offensive at several points on their long front and at three places—east of Wilna, north of Pinsk and at Lutzk—

## RUMANIA REPORTED TO HAVE COME TO DECISION

London Hears Bucharest Cabinet Has Agreed on Action in Balkan Crisis and National Leaders Are Satisfied.

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### ARMED NEUTRALITY BULGARIA'S ATTITUDE

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LONDON, Sept. 25.—An official statement from Sofia sent here by wireless from Berlin says Bulgarian mobilization does not mean that Bulgaria has hostile intentions, but intends simply to enter a state of armed neutrality.

This step, the wireless despatch says, is explained by changes to be made shortly in the political and military situation and by general conditions in the Balkans.

Bulgaria, it is added, has no hostile intentions, but is firmly resolved to safeguard all her rights and her independence, by force of arms if necessary. Owing to the movement of troops by her neighbors, Bulgaria has been forced to declare an armed neutrality. Negotiations with the representatives of both groups of belligerents—the Allies and the Germanic Powers—continue and there is no immediate intention to enter the war on either side.

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## BIG SACRIFICE URGED ON KING BY VENIZELLOS

Text of Premier's Letters  
Shows He Would Give Up  
Kavala to Bulgars.

HAD PROMISE OF  
IMMENSE GAINS

Eleutherios K. Venizelos is again at the helm of Greek affairs. M. Venizelos as Premier urged on Greece early in the European war the advisability of seeking to reunite the States of the Balkan League in aid of Serbia and in cooperation with the Entente Powers against Turkey. King Constantine, whose wife is a sister of the Kaiser, declined to accept this advice and the Premier resigned. Greek public opinion, however, remained steadfastly with the Premier and he was finally recalled to power.

In the present situation in the Balkans, with Austro-German armies threatening another invasion of Serbia, and with Bulgaria massing troops on the Serbian frontier, Greece may soon have to make a decision between support of Serbia, with whom she has an alliance, and the danger of being left without friends in the Balkans.

The following letters, written by M. Venizelos to King Constantine in the period preceding his resignation as Premier, explain in detail the position of the man who undoubtedly, as a result of his political victory over King Constantine, will have the responsibility of deciding the policy of the country.

YOUR MAJESTY: I now have the honor to submit to your Majesty the contents of a communication which the British Minister here made to me with instructions from Sir Edward Grey.

Greece, by his communication, is again confronted with one of the most critical periods in the history of the nation.

Under today's conditions, simply, consisted in the preservation of neutrality, in as far as our treaty obligations with Serbia did not oblige us to depart therefrom. But we are now called upon to participate in the war, no longer in order to fulfill simply moral obligations, but in view of compensations which if realized will secure a great and powerful Greece such as not even the boldest optimist could have imagined only a few years back.

In order to obtain these great compensations great dangers will certainly have to be faced. But after long and careful study of the question I hold myself convinced that we ought to face these dangers.

We ought to face them chiefly because, even though we were to take no part in the war now, and to endeavor to preserve our neutrality until the end, we should find ourselves exposed to dangers equally serious.

**Salonica in Danger.**  
If we allow Serbia to be crushed to-day by another Austro-German invasion we have no assurance whatever that the Austro-German armies will stop short of our Macedonian frontiers and that they will not be tempted as a matter of course to come down as far as Salonica.

But even if this danger is averted and we admit that Austria, being satisfied with a crushing defeat of Serbia, will not wish to establish her frontiers in Macedonia, there is still a possibility that Bulgaria, at the invitation of Austria, will advance and occupy Serbian Macedonia.

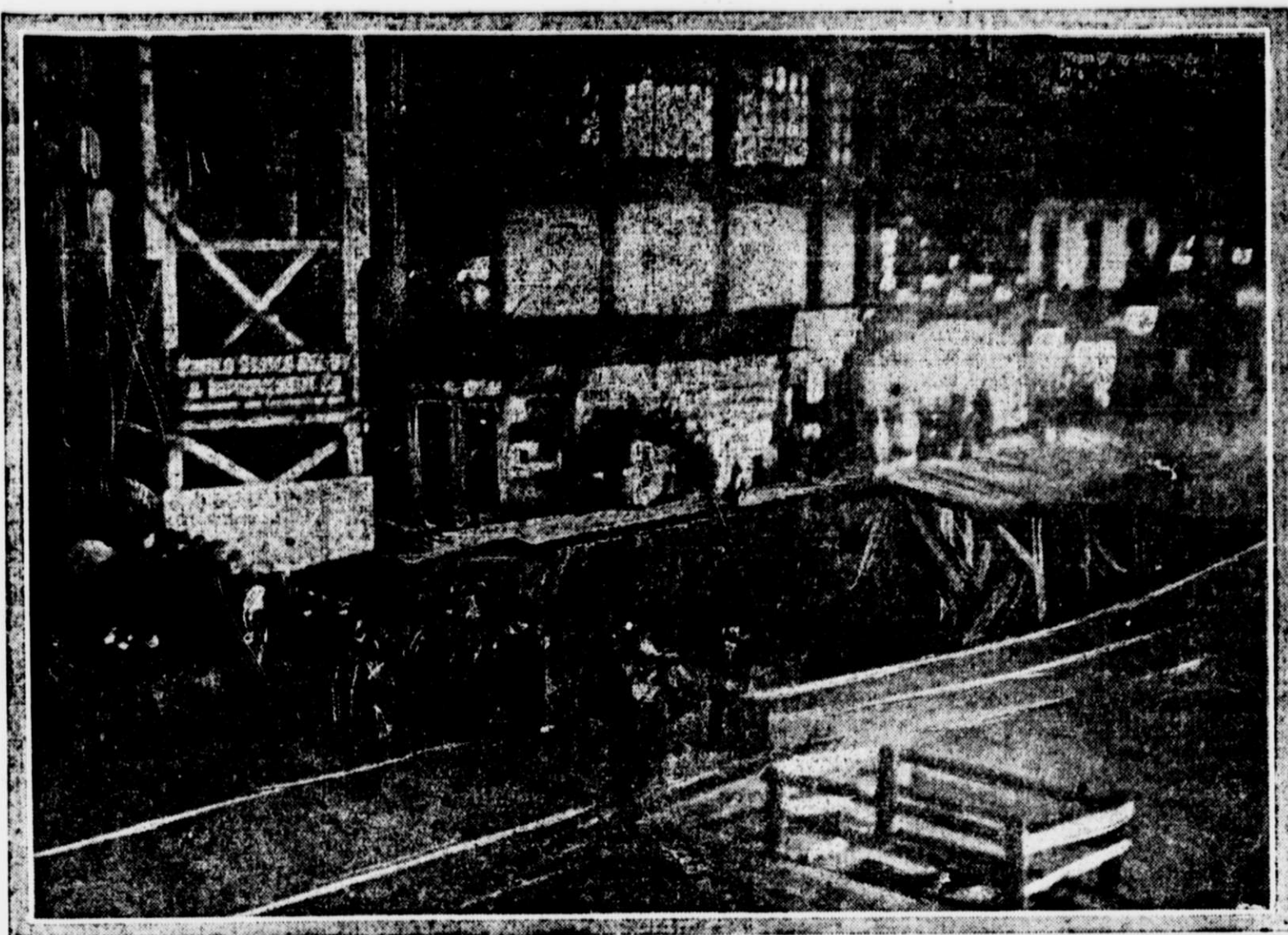
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**Doubtful Bulgarian Promises.**  
The *Petit Parisien* says the allied Powers have placed little faith in the promises of Premier Radomir and that they were not surprised when word came of Bulgarian mobilization. The paper adds that representatives of the Powers have been considering just such an eventuality as now threatens and have been laying their plans with a view to exerting the greatest possible pressure on the Bulgarians. As a result of this foresight, the paper adds, they are in a position to strike quickly with reserve forces in the vicinity of the Danube.

Berlin opinion, as reflected in Amsterdam despatches, displays profound astonishment at the mobilization in Greece. Bitterness is manifested against Rumania, as in the following comment from the *Cologne Gazette*: "Whatever happens in the Balkans, Rumania is played out. Her role as a link between Austria and Turkey is finished. We shall pass through Sofia. That will teach Rumania a lesson for siding with our foes."

Statements given out by the Overseas News Agency in Berlin and received here by wireless say: "Greek mobilization is regarded as a measure of precaution for probable eventualities. It is not expected that the King of Greece will give up his policy of neutrality so long as the in-

## WOMAN KILLED AND FOUR MEN INJURED AS SECTION OF BROADWAY AT 38TH STREET DROPS INTO NEW SUBWAY EXCAVATION



Flashlight photograph of the cauldron at the northwest corner of Thirty-eighth street and Broadway, where the false street surface over the subway excavation gave way. A taxicab containing a woman passenger fell into the hole, and also four or five persons who were crossing Broadway at the time. A number of workmen were caught in the cauldron. A Broadway car going south was stopped just in time by the motorman to escape being carried down. The Casino and Knickerbocker theatres were ordered closed for the evening.

### DR. DUMBA'S RECALL EXPECTED ANY DAY

State Department Feels Sure  
the Vienna Note Will Be  
Satisfactory.

FACTS KNOWN ABROAD

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Officials of the State Department are satisfied that such misunderstanding about the Dumba case as might have existed in Vienna is now cleared away. It was indicated to-day that the State Department has reason to believe that the reply of the Vienna government to the American note requesting the recall of Ambassador Dumba will be forthcoming very soon and that it will be satisfactory in every respect.

By exchanges with Ambassador Penfield, Vienna, the State Department learned that all the facts in the Dumba case were not thoroughly known and understood in that quarter. Consequently the Department has sent several messages to the Ambassador, not only informing him fully of all the facts which led to the request for Ambassador Dumba's recall, but also of subsequent developments.

While this information was sent primarily for Ambassador Penfield it has not been doubted that the Foreign Office has got the benefit of it.

Inasmuch as Dr. Dumba cannot get home without one, he is virtually compelled to remain in this country until his government takes the action required by the United States.

Officials of the State Department expected to hear from the Austrian government that it would be willing to accept the recall of Dr. Dumba. Some of these officials have been received, while the rest were mailed on Monday. The New York-to-day. A decision in the case of Capt. von Papen, military attaché of the German Embassy, and others involved in this correspondence, will be made after the papers have been received.

With regard to reports from San Francisco that Capt. von Papen and Prinz Hatzfeldt are to leave for Mexico next Tuesday, officials of the State Department said they were not informed. It was pointed out that Capt. von Papen, as military attaché, is accredited to Mexico as well as to the United States. Persons supposedly in the confidence of the German Embassy have declared, however, that reports that the Captain was to go to Mexico at this time were not well founded.

The Allies have been expected to insure safe conduct for Mrs. Dumba, wife of the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador. M. Jusserand, the French Ambassador, to-day gave this assurance to acting Secretary of State John M. Bryan, and her maid will sail on the Rotterdam on the 28th.

## New Offensive of Allies Is Launched in France

Infantry Attacks Following Terrific Bombardment of  
German Lines Result in Ground Being  
Gained on Long Front.

**Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.**  
BERLIN, by wireless, via London, Sept. 25.—The following official statement was issued here this afternoon regarding the operations on the western front:

On the entire front from the sea to the Vosges the enemy's artillery fire increased in strength, and east of Ypres, between La Bassée Canal and Arras, as well as in Champagne, from Proseles to the Argonne, it was of the utmost ferocity.

The attacks which were expected after the strong artillery preparation lasting on certain parts of the line for fifty hours have begun.

In Champagne from Proseles to the Argonne the French penetrated our trench lines, from Ypres to Roulers and that from Ypres to Comines the English advanced early to-day. On the northern wing their attack has been repulsed after hand to hand fighting before and in our positions. They also are attacking northeast and southeast of Arras.

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**GAINS ON LONG FRONT.**  
In the Artois district yesterday our artillery continued its effective bombardment of the lines of the enemy. To the south of the River Somme the Germans bombarded our trenches and our saps in the suburbs of Andechy and Bapaume. Our batteries responded with energy, and at a large number of places took the initiative in firing.

The artillery exchanges to the north of the River Aisne and along the banks of the canal between the Aisne and the Marne continue with severity. In the Champagne district the enemy responded to a violent bombardment of his trench lines by the firing of gas cylinders in the vicinity of Auberville and St. Hilaire. These shells had no effect. There was similar action yesterday in which both our artillery and that of the enemy participated in the Argonne district, particularly in the sector of Comtes Chaussees, and there have been some engagements with bombs and hand grenades in the forest of Preire. In Lorraine our patrols have brought in several prisoners.

A squadron of French aeroplanes yesterday threw on the Sablon railway station near Metz something like forty bombs.

The offensive was begun at the western extremity of the line on the Belgian coast. Here British ships and the French batteries cooperated in a bombardment of the German positions at Westende and Middelkerke, and the British batteries fought to the west of Loos and Huluch, where the British troops attacked the German positions with success. To the north of Arras an energetic attack was made by both French and British infantry, and the Allies gained a foothold at many points of the German line. In Champagne there was a heavy infantry assault between the Suippe and

### GREAT COAST FIGHT TO TEST THE FLEET

Forty Ships Will Engage in  
War Game From Cape  
Cod to Florida.

BATTLE OPENS FRIDAY

NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 25.—After two weeks of target practice, both night and day, the larger portion of the battleship fleet of the Atlantic coast will test the fleet of the Atlantic coast in a war game from Cape Cod to Florida. Each ship will proceed to sea under sealed orders, which will not be opened until the war vessels are beyond the five mile limit. Then the ships will be sent in all directions. There will be more than forty war vessels, including twenty-four torpedo boat destroyers, in these maneuvers.

They will be scattered along the coast from Cape Cod to Florida. There will be two forces, a defending fleet, and an invading fleet. The Wyoming will be the flagship of the former and the scout cruiser Chester will be flagship for the invading force.

The invaders will try to prevent the invasion from getting into the water game. The battleships Michigan, winner of the trophy for the last year, and the battleship Nebraska, winner of the trophy for the year before last, will probably be assigned to the defending fleet, may be delayed in departing from the roads because of an accident to any ship in the fleet in the practice area. The Virginia, which is reported to have made the best individual record of any ship in the fleet in the practice area, had not returned to the roads late to-night. They were reported maneuvering off the cape and will probably proceed north after receiving orders to participate in the war game.

Ships now in the roads are loading coal, ammunition and provisions.

**CHEER BRITISH ENVOY.**  
Athens Gives Him Ovation on Way to See Premier.

ATHENS, Sept. 25.—The British Minister received a remarkable ovation this morning when he proceeded to the Foreign Office for a conference with Premier Venizelos, immediately after the latter returned from an audience with King Constantine.

A crowd gathered around his automobile and cheered frantically. The Minister waved his hand in response to the demonstration.

Athens all day, marching through the streets singing war songs.

**837.30 JACKSONVILLE AND RETURN.**  
via Seaboard Air Line's Flamingo 7:15 A. M. Florida City Special 2:34 P. M. Post Mail 12:20 night. On sale Mon. and Sat. Mail week. Oct. 1 to Feb. 14. Limit \$50. 1915. Reg. 1134 Broadway—249.

Accident Said to Be Due to  
Slide of Rotten Mica—  
Taxicab Swallowed.

ONE VICTIM BELIEVED  
TO BE MORTALLY HURT

Two Theatres Forced to  
Close—Surface Cars  
Stalled for Blocks.

ENGINEERS HAD JUST  
SAID SPOT WAS SAFE

Shopkeepers in Vicinity As-  
sert Warning Was Given  
of Disaster.

A section of Broadway, between Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth streets, fell into the new subway last night at 7:16 o'clock in the same manner that a section of Seventh avenue dropped to the depths Wednesday morning. One woman was killed in last night's accident, an electrical worker was mortally injured and three men, pedestrians, were hurt.

It was said by the police at midnight that the woman might be a Mrs. Tomaselli or Thomolston. Found near the body was a mesh bag in which was a receipt made out to "Mrs. A. Tomaselli." The receipt was made out by the Twilight Inn of Haines Falls, in the Catskills, and was for \$20. It was dated September 21. Besides the receipt the bag contained a card with the name of Miss Caroline Gikhris, 68 Ballston avenue, Ballston Spa, N. Y.

It was learned over the telephone from Ballston Spa, N. Y., this morning that Mrs. Tomaselli had spent a couple of weeks there with Miss Gikhris, who said that the dead woman's New York address was 124 West Seventeenth street.

Before the woman died in Bellevue Hospital she became conscious. After repeated questioning by the nurse she managed to whisper her name, which as nearly as the nurse could understand it was "Isabella Thomolston."

**Trolley Car in Peril.**

A taxicab, in which the woman was riding over the temporary plank roadway just above Thirty-eighth street, crashed downward thirty-five feet when the wooden street dropped. A trolley car containing eight persons besides the conductor and motorman would have plunged into the great hole also had it not been for the remarkably active brain of the motorman. Had the accident occurred less than an hour later doubtless dozens of theagregors arriving at the Casino and Knickerbocker theatres along the east side of Broadway would have been dumped precipitately into the hole together with many automobiles.

Out of the rush and confusion of arriving policemen, firemen, doctors, clergymen, officials and the clang of trolley ambulances it was learned in a general way that the cause of the accident was the slide of a section of rotten mica rock. Twenty-four hours before the slide occurred expert engineers employed by the Public Service Commission and by the United States Realty and Improvement Company, the firm which has the contract for building the Seventh avenue section which fell on Wednesday and the section that dropped last night, had inspected the Broadway section and had found it, so they reported, particularly well timbered and seemingly safe.

**Nightstriding Car Escapes.**

Just before Broadway dropped last night—making a hole which was open to the skies from Thirty-eighth street north for almost half a block and extending from the southbound car track half way into the west sidewalk—a heavy sightseeing car passed over the chink, covering three days early on. For days, so shopkeepers in the vicinity said, every time heavy machines passed along the block the plank roadway joined up and down. The strain of the passing sightseeing car may or may not have acted as the last straw.

No dynamite blast could be instigated as a cause of last night's slide, as was suggested when Seventh avenue dropped in the Twenty-fourth street neighborhood three days earlier. For days, so Public Service Commissioner William Hayward said at the edge of the great hole last night, no rock excavating had been done in the vicinity. "The digging was all finished," said Mr. Hayward, "and work was at a standstill pending the arrival of the steel which was to be installed as permanent supports."

As a result of the car and drop, the Knickerbocker Theatre picture show was closed for the evening. The authorities also decided early that the members of "The Rite Paradoxe" company at the Casino Theatre who had reached their dressing rooms to dress for the performance in 2nd box. Mayor Mitchell arrived at the scene of the accident shortly after midnight. He had been attending the performance of "The Rite Paradoxe" at the Casino Opera House in Toledo, Ohio.